

MILITARY NEEDS TAUGHT YOUTHS

Claxton's Report Says Schools Are Putting Stress Upon Preparedness.

GAINS MORE DEMOCRACY

Rural Sections Given Higher Standard of Education—Outlines Progress in Scholastic System.

In striking contrast with the upheaval in Europe is the peaceful advance of education in the United States as recorded in the 1915 report of the Commissioner of Education.

More Democracy Gained.

In general, the report finds there has been a real increase during the year in progress toward equality of educational opportunities which is essential in a democracy.

BANKERS WILL BEGIN FRUGALITY CAMPAIGN

'Sandwich' Signs Preaching Value of Thrift Will Be Paraded in Capital, Starting Next Saturday.

'Be frugal, save systematically and acquire the habit of investing' is a line in the propaganda of the Washington chapter of the American Institute of Banking.

Five men with 'sandwich' signs, will parade through the streets on Saturday with the chapter's slogan placarded about them.

The 'thrift' campaign will be nationwide. The first day of the new year will be the centennial of the establishment of the first savings bank in America.

A principal reason for frugality and the depositing or investing of savings on the part of the public is that capital is scarce.

One morning I arose at dawn and stood before the mirror. What had been promised for my third day's work was a love scene, and I had not the courage to tell Mr. Griffith it was to be my first.

Love has always seemed a very potent thing to me, so I was surprisingly thrilled with the idea of being called upon to play in a love scene, even if it were to be coldly photographed and screened.

As the only romantic episodes I had ever witnessed were across the footlights, I had a vague notion that when Mr. Griffith would stage our scene it would be accompanied by soft music and a general hushed air prevailing the studio.

At nine o'clock I was made up—at three I was called. Mr. Griffith came to me and said, an amused smile deepening the corners of his mouth.

'Yes, sir,' I fibbed, not knowing what else to say.

'In that case,' he replied, 'you will not have to be rehearsed with the leading man. He is at present sulking in his dressing room. If you don't mind you can begin on that post over there, merely directing me.

'Just imagine, Miss Pickford, this post is a handsome young man you have loved for a long, long time. Put your arms around him and tell him how many years you have waited to reach this great deal of experience being made love to.'

'This was a dreadful ordeal! I looked at the post in a vague sort of a way as I was led toward it. But Mr. Griffith was already directing me.

'When I looked around, Mr. Griffith was laughing at me. "It seems to me you are very mild for a young lady so much in love as you, Miss

MARY PICKFORD MY THIRD DAY IN MOVING PICTURES.

Pickford. Can't you put more spirit into it?"

'Very well, then, if you are that hard to please,' said Mr. Griffith, stopped to look around him.

'Here is a young lady who refuses to make love to a wooden post. Do you see a handkerchief, Miss Pickford? It is a better substitute.'

I couldn't agree that Dobson was a handsome fellow. He was tall and lean and lanky, lantern jawed and had a long, soft nose which ended in an arrogant knob.

But this was only my test, and later it was Owen Moore who was called by Mr. Griffith to play opposite me.

'Miss Pickford has had a great deal of experience, Mr. Moore, so there is little she can tell her,' said Mr. Griffith, winking slyly.

I remember how conscious I was as I walked up to Mr. Moore and Mr. Griffith directed him to put his arms around me.

Then I giggled a little bit, wondering what was expected of me. At last, realizing that I was called upon to play my part, I pressed my forehead to the lapels of his coat.

'This is too emotional!' said Mr. Griffith. 'It will never pass the Board of Public Censors! However we will not go further. I really believe Miss Pickford, after ten years of life and rehearsals, you will do a love scene very well.'

I told this tearfully to the family sitting around the dinner table, and determined that Mr. Griffith should never reproach me again.

Lawrence K. Boehme, New York. Your letter on the powder was extremely interesting and I appreciate the advice you have given me.

I had always understood the ingredients of rice powder were the purest on the market and it has never injured my complexion.

Josephine Rink, Thank you so much for your kind letter. What you asked is true. I am glad you liked "Cinderella. Owen Moore played the part of the prince.

Mayor Mitchell, tangoer of note himself, believes 2 a. m. is late enough for any man to tango and so the New Year's Eve he on at that hour.

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PRICES OF WHOLESALE ARTICLES DECREASE

Majority of Those Which Increased During 1914 Were Farm Products, Says Statistics Bureau.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor, wholesale prices in the United States, as measured by the aggregate value in exchange of 240 representative commodities, were nearly one per cent lower in 1914 than in 1913 in each of four groups.

Decided decreases occurred in the yearly average prices of cotton yarns, print cloths, storm serge, Sicilian cloth, worsted yarns, coarse gasolene, crude petroleum, bar iron, copper ingot, sheet copper, copper wire, iron ore, pig lead, lead pipe, pig iron, cast iron pipe, steel billets, sheet iron plates, steel sheet, structural steel, pig tin, wood screws, brick in New York City, plate glass, Douglas fir, rosin and cedar shingles.

Increase in prices are shown for cotton blankets, boots and shoes, leather, 10-4 bleached sheeting, quicksilver, linseed oil, turpentine, and a few other articles in the four groups named.

A majority of the articles which increased in price between 1912 and 1914 belonged to the farm products and food groups.

Within these two groups, comprising 121 series of price quotations, seventy-two commodities or grades of commodities increased in price, forty-four decreased and eight were unchanged.

The articles showing the greatest increase were corn, oats, rye, wheat, flaxseed, New York State hops, alfalfa, timothy, tobacco, canned corn, rye flour, fresh and evaporated apples, prunes, raisins, corn meal, sugar, cabbage, onions, potatoes and vinegar.

Some of the articles in these two groups which decreased in price were cotton, butter, canned tomatoes, coffee, lemons and oranges.

Of ten commodities classed as drugs or chemicals, five increased in price, four remained stationary and one decreased in price in 1914, compared with 1913.

The five articles showing an increase were alum, glycerine, green alcohol, cotton and quinine. The article which decreased in price was wood alcohol.

Of the 240 series of prices secured by the bureau in 1914, 121 series showed an increase between these two years, 124 showed a decrease, while no change occurred in the case of sixty-four series.

BRITISH FLYERS HOVER AS TEUTONS BURY DEAD

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bullets in the wings and body. One bullet hit the propeller, but made only a smooth hole without any fissure.

The two air-men, Lieuts. and are unhurt. With this note we shall drop you two letters from the prisoners. Please address your next note as follows:— God greet you. The Russian Flyer.

These two notes, passed by the Russian censor with the exception of the names deleted, show that the system of communication between the enemy air-men is a regular one. The thought occurred to the Austrian baron in informing his enemies of the pleasant resort where their comrades were held captive.

It is doubtful whether this form of communication is, officially at least, encouraged by the high commands of the armies, but it must be winked at. If there is a signal which a British or a German aeroplane makes when it flies over the multitude of "Archbalds," anti-aircraft guns waiting to destroy it, which informs the gunners that it is on a mission of friendship, I have no doubt able to establish the fact. But messages are exchanged of the same character as those I have quoted, although no British flight commander is likely to subscribe himself, as Baron von Mandelsloh did, "Your ever devoted enemy."

The Salute of Honor Given. And most characteristic of the new "chivalry of the air" is the "salute of honor" given on intimate terms by pilots by British and German flyers to their comrades who have been shot down and crushed or burned to death.

A few weeks ago five British flyers, notified by air post by the Germans that a popular and capable young flight sublieutenant had been killed and that he would be buried with

AMERICANISTS TO START SESSIONS

Will Discuss Matters Relating to Early Peoples on Western Hemisphere.

TO MEET AT MUSEUM

Special Exhibits of Scientific Interest Have Been Arranged—President Wilson Is Its Patron.

Although two great scientific congresses open in Washington today, many people have failed to note the one that begins its meetings at the National Museum this afternoon. It is the nineteenth International Congress of Americanists and is devoted to the discussion of all matters relating to the earliest peoples on the North and South American continents.

This congress is quite distinct from the other. Had it not been for the war, its biennial session would have been held in October, 1914. When the war showed no signs of terminating it was decided to hold the congress here during the meeting of the pan-American scientists. One section of the latter is affiliated with the Americanists, that on anthropology.

Among the other scientific bodies affiliated with the Americanists are the American Anthropological Association, the American Folk-lore Society, the American Historical Institution, the Archaeological Institute of America. The congress is one of the oldest and widest known international scientific societies in work having been actively at work for more than forty years. It meets alternately each two years in Europe and America.

Meetings Last Until New Year's. Special new exhibits of high scientific interest have been arranged for the meeting and will occupy the ground floor of the museum. The sessions beginning this afternoon will last until New Year's Day.

Social events in connection with the congress will be a reception by the Smithsonian Institution at the National Museum on Wednesday evening, a dinner at the Cosmos Club, Thursday evening, a reception by Secretary Dr. Charles D. Wolcott, of the Smithsonian Institution, as president of the local branch of the Archaeological Institute of America. The last will be held in the main hall of the Smithsonian Institution on Friday afternoon.

President Wilson is patron of the congress. Former Secretary of State John W. Forest is president of the Americanists. In his governmental work he has been on intimate terms with many of the foreign members, and several in many foreign countries. He is also former president of the Washington Society of the Archaeological Institute.

The honorary presidents are: Dr. Charles D. Wolcott, of the Smithsonian Institution; Clarence B. Moore, archaeologist of Philadelphia; and Prof. William B. Holmes, of the National Museum. Clarence F. Noyes, of the National Bank of Washington, is treasurer of the congress and the secretary is Dr. Alex Erdlich, curator, division of physical anthropology, National Museum.

SOLDIER'S WEALTH TO POOR.

German, Killed in Battle, Leaves \$200,000 to Charity.

Cologne, Dec. 25.—The Koelnische Zeitung reports that Dietrich Henniger, a wealthy business man of Osnabruck and sergeant in one of the Westphalian reserve regiments, has left his entire fortune of \$200,000 to the poor of his native town.

The philanthropist was killed in France in September. When he went to the front he deposited his last will with a notary.

LONELY WIFE TRIES SUICIDE.

Husband Wouldn't Return to Her at Christmas, Takes Poison.

New York, Dec. 25.—Because it is alleged by her maid, her husband did not spend Christmas with her, Mrs. F. H. Wells tried to kill herself by taking poison in her apartments in the Algeria, 24 West One Hundred and Eighth street. She was taken to the Knickerbocker Hospital, where she is in a serious condition.

FIREMEN HURT IN CRASH.

New York, Dec. 25.—Three firemen were probably fatally injured today when hook and ladder truck No. 12 crashed into a street car at Broadway and Thirty-sixth street.

The injured are: Matthew Ward, back probably broken; Frederick Snyder, body and legs crushed; and Joseph Cavanaugh, legs and back injured.

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NEW-YORK-DAY-BY-DAY.

Special Correspondent of The Washington Herald.

New York, Dec. 25.—The secret sorrow for several months has just become public property through the Finnish printing of those Park Row belshazzar press, Mrs. Field, who dances like a Pavlova, only more sanely, was escaping the rigors of a summer on Broadway with Jane Peyton at her place near Winsted, Conn., a few months ago.

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